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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. AT LUNCHEON TODAY MIN-COUN QUERIED DG BOERMA'S PRINCIPAL AIDES ON WFC (WALTON AND AZIZ) ON SCOPE AND CONTENT FIRST SESSION PREPCOM. AZIZ POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS VITAL TO EXPEDITIOUS PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE ON WHICH HE HOPES GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY, AND U.S. IN PARTICULAR, WILL BE PREPARED PRONOUNCE THEMSELVES NEXT WEEK. FIRST QUESTION IS TO DELINEATE IN SPECIFIC TERMS ACTUAL STATES AND/OR OTHER GROUPS E.G., SPECIAL AGENCIES WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION SWISS CONTINUE THEIR INTEREST IN ATTENDING. AND FAO NEEDS POLICY GUIDANCE IN EVENT GUINEA BISSAU SHOULD OPT FOR ATTENDANCE.

2. FAO DG REQUIRIES FAIRLY FIRM GUIDANCE ON CONFERENCE LOGISTICS. E.G., IF PLENARY AND COMMISSIONS

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HELD CONCOMITANTLY THEY HAVE ONE KIND OF PROBLEM.

IF DELEGATES DO NOT AGREE TO OVERLAP AS BETWEEN COMMISSIONS AND PLENARY THERE EXISTS YET ANOTHER KIND OF LOGISTICAL PROBLEM FOR THE SECRETARIAT.

3. SECRETARIAT WILL REQUIRE GUIDANCE ON CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION OF PRESS.

4. SECRETARIAT BEING BESIEGED BY NGOS. THEY PRESENTLY ESTIMATE SEVERAL HUNDRED INTERESTED NGOS. PHYSICAL FACILITIES IN ITALY CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN FORTY ORGANIZATIONS.

5. PREPCOM WILL BE EXPECTED TO DECIDE NUMBER OF WORKING LANGUAGES IN COURSE DECISIONS ON RULES OF PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY WFC. OBVIOUSLY, DECISIONS IN RESPECT THEREOF WILL CONDITION SIZE OF CASH OFF-SET TO BE REQUESTED OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

6. SECRETARIAT PROPOSING THAT AT LEAST TWO SEMINARS OR SYMPOSIA BE HELD WITH VIEW TOWARD MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPINION AND AWARENESS OF WFC AND SEEK GUIDANCE OF PREPCOM.

MIN-COUN INDICATED QUESTIONS WOULD BE RELAYED TO WASHINGTON IN HOPES USG WOULD HAVE POSITIONS AT INCEPTION PREPCOM.

QUESTION OF HAVING PERMANENT CHAIRMAN PREPCOM OR NEW BUREAU FOR EACH SESSION STILL UNRESOLVED. THIS WILL CLEARLY BE ONE OF FIRST ISSUES TO SURFACE FEBRUARY 11.  
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